Andrea Balga File Dated: 1/14/04

49 Lakeview Ave

Poughkeepsie, NY 12602

Tel: 845-471-2854

Email: abalga@aol.com

I. <u>Profession</u>	Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction	<b>Date of Admission</b>
Law	U.S. District Court - SDNY	9/15/00
Law	New York State	6/1999
Law	Connecticut State	5/1999

II. Professional Organization	<b>Date of Admission</b>	Active/Inactive
Dutchess County Bar	1999	Active
New York State Bar	1999	Active
ACCR	2001	Active
ACR Association for Conflict Resolution	10/2001	Active
Connecticut Bar Association	1999	Active
Trial Lawyer Association	2001	Active
American Bar Association	2002	Active

## III. General professional experience:

I have been a general practicing attorney in New York for almost four years and for the last two years I have made a concerted effort to practice and obtain training in the Alternative Dispute Resolution processes including my own participation in Consensus Quest, a mediation business.

# IV. General pertinent experience:

In 2001 I made a concerted effort to train and practice in non-litigated methods. I co-founded a full-service mediation company called "Consensus Quest" and began a Collaborative Divorce Law practice in 2001 as well. I have handled to date at least fifteen mediation cases and have attended mediation training for Mediation of Attorney/Client disputes referred by the New York State Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District, the Federal Bankruptcy Training which was offered at the Bankruptcy Court here in Poughkeepsie, as well as Alternative Methods of Resolving Matrimonial Disputes Training (Mediation) and other Mediation Training Programs offered by the Mid-Hudson Bar Association.

#### V. Mediation training:

3/30/01 - Fee/Dispute Resolution Program (Mediation Training) - 7.0 hours

10/23/01-10/30/01 - Attorney Client Grievance Mediation Program - 23.5 hours

?? - Federal Bankruptcy Training in Poughkeepsie

1/23/01 - Domestic Relations Fee Dispute Arbitration - 8 hours

## VI. Pertinent bankruptcy training:

In 1999 I graduated law school and began to practice in-house for a local corporation. I work in the claims department and our department handles all of the bankruptcies which come into the Company, whether it is filing proof of claims, researching claims, and trying to collect the money for the Company.

# VII. General pertinent business or legal experience:

I am in-house counsel for a local company. I assign cases to outside counsel as well as monitor their expenses, etc. I work in the claims department and I negotiate and settle disputes everyday. I have to do an analysis of the cost of settling versus the cost of litigating.